
Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin, on Wednesday 12 February 2020 at 4.00 pm.

PRESENT

Mayor	Mr B P Wanden	
Deputy Mayor	Mrs J F G Mason	
Councillors	Mr D A Allan	
	Mr W E R Bishop	
	Mr R J Brannigan	(from 4.06 pm)
	Mr T N Isaacs	
	Mr S J R Jennings	
	Mrs V M Kaye-Simmons	
	Mr R R Ketu	
	Mrs C B Mitchell	
	Ms P Tukapua	

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D M Clapperton	(Chief Executive)
Mrs N Brady	(Deputy Chief Executive)
Mr D McCorkindale	(Group Manager – Customer & Strategy)
Mr K Peel	(Group Manager – Infrastructure Operations)
Mr B Maguire	(Group Manager – Infrastructure Development)
Mrs L Slade	(Group Manager – People & Culture)
Mrs L Winiata	(Community Engagement Manager)
Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr C Te Peeti	(accompanying Cr Ketu)
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MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

Mr P Williams	(“Chronicle”)
Ms R Moore	(“Manawatū Standard”)

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were eight members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

The meeting opened with a karakia (Cr Ketu).

1 Apologies

An apology for lateness was recorded for Cr Brannigan.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Tukapua:

THAT the apology for lateness from Councillor Brannigan be accepted.

CARRIED

2 Public Participation

8.2 Chief Executive's Report to 12 February 2020

3.1 Local Governance Statement

Christina Paton

3 Late Items

There were no late items; however the meeting was advised that with regard to the two items that were to be considered with the public excluded, the Phase II Property Evaluations report had been withdrawn and the Appointment of Additional Independent Member – Finance, Audit & Risk Committee report had been moved to the Open Agenda, with hard copies of that report available.

4 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Jennings:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 11 December 2019, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Announcements

Cr Kaye-Simmons thanked everyone who had contributed to the hugely successful Waitangi Day event held at Lake Horowhenua. There had been an estimated 700 people in attendance and the weather had been incredible. Feedback on the event had been extremely positive and planning was already underway for 2021. There had been a diversity of stallholders, with numbers continuing to grow. She said this was an important recognition of the partnership between HDC and Muaūpoko and she looked forward to it continuing into the future, again thanking the community for its support.

His Worship the Mayor acknowledged the two Horowhenua recipients who had received well deserved honours in the New Year's Honours List, being Carrell Knight and Council's own Sue Hori Te Pa.

7 Proceedings of Committees

7.1 **Proceedings of the Foxton Community Board 27 January 2020**

Purpose

To present to the Council the minutes of the Foxton Community Board meeting held on 27 January 2020.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Kaye-Simmons:

THAT Report 20/27 Proceedings of the Foxton Community Board 27 January 2020 be received.

THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Foxton Community Board meeting held on 27 January 2020.

CARRIED

FCB Chair, David Roache, commented on the Board's very successful first meeting for 2020, when Standing Orders and the Code of Conduct had been adopted. He also noted the structure and Council Officer support that had been put in place for the Board going forward, which he saw as positive.

Cr Brannigan thanked Council Officers on the completion of the Thomas Place parking project. They had done a good job consulting with the school and the Ministry of Education and the work had been done over the holidays which had minimised any disruption. It would make a big difference particularly as the school roll was growing and the school and the community were very happy with the outcome.

7.2 Proceedings of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee 29 January 2020

Purpose

To present to the Council the minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 29 January 2020.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded Cr Isaacs:

THAT Report 20/31 Proceedings of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee 29 January 2020 be received.

THAT the Council receives the minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 29 January 2020.

CARRIED

8 Executive

8.1 Monitoring Report to 12 February 2020

Purpose

To present to Council the updated monitoring report covering requested actions from previous meetings of Council.

MOVED by Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Tukapua:

THAT Report 19/522 Monitoring Report to 12 February 2020 be received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

Page 22 18/575 – Options for Potential Disposal – Court House Museum

Mr Clapperton advised that the Foxton Historical Society had been granted a 12 month extension of its current lease so the Society could continue exploring options in terms of taking over the building. This had been reported in today's paper.

Page 24 19/387 & 19/388 – Proposed National Policy Statements – Highly Productive Land & Urban Development

Mr McCorkindale advised that the Advocacy Strategy was nearing completion prior to the drafted letters being submitted.

8.2 Chief Executive's Report to 12 February 2020

Purpose

For the Chief Executive to update Councillors, or seek endorsement on, a number of matters being dealt with.

MOVED by Cr Kaye-Simmons, seconded Cr Bishop:

THAT Report 20/7 Chief Executive's Report to 12 February 2020 be received.

THAT these matters or decisions be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

3.1 Local Governance Statement

Saying the Local Governance Statement could go some way to addressing the lack of understanding in the community with regard to local government, Mrs Christina Paton queried how it would be disseminated, suggesting that it should be supplied to every ratepayer. She highlighted where some corrections were required, suggested replacing some of the pictures with ones which were more distinctive of the Horowhenua, and noted other areas of the document that could be enhanced.

Noting that it was a legislative requirement to produce a Local Governance Statement every three years and he did hope that people in the community would read it, His Worship the Mayor thanked Mrs Paton for her comments. He said the cost and logistics of putting a copy in every ratepayer's letterbox would be explored.

Also acknowledging Mrs Paton's comments, Mr Clapperton noted that the adoption of the document would be subject to a number of changes and corrections which he outlined.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Deputy Mayor Mason:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts the updated Local Governance Statement with the changes as noted.

CARRIED

3.2 Horizons Regional Council – Triennial Agreement

With Mr Clapperton pointing out the additions to the version that had been adopted in 2017, it was:

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Isaacs:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts the Triennial Agreement for the Manawatū-Whanganui Region effective from 1 March 2020 until such time as the Agreement is either amended with the agreement of all parties or is renewed following the 2022 local authority elections and before 1 March 2023.

CARRIED

8.3 Appointment of Additional Independent Member – Finance, Audit & Risk Committee

Purpose

For Council to consider appointing an additional independent member to the Finance, Audit & Risk (FAR) Committee.

MOVED by Cr Bishop, seconded Deputy Mayor Mason:

THAT Report 20/34 Appointment of Additional Independent Member - Finance, Audit & Risk Committee be received.

THAT this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.

CARRIED

With Elected Members expressing support for the benefits that an additional independent member would bring to the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee, particularly noting Mr Jackson's skill set and experience, it was:

MOVED by Cr Kaye-Simmons, seconded Cr Bishop:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council appoints Mr Bryan Jackson as an independent member of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee for the remainder of the 2019 – 2022 triennium.

CARRIED

4.40 pm

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed following a karakia (Cr Ketu).

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....